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Some Thoughts on the Liberty of the Press, and Libels; occasioned by the Craftsman's late Papers.

WHILE Mr. D'Anvers hath indulged himself in the utmost Licence of abusing his Adversaries, by charging them with Endeavour to write down the *Liberty of the Press*, and to revive *Arbitrary Power*, we have kept profound Silence; because we would not prejudge or aggravate the Guilt of a certain Person now under Prosecution: But that Affair, according to the Craftsman, being to end this Week, we may fairly speak; and seeing he has talked about the *Liberty of the Press*, as tho' there were *Designs laid* to take it away; and about *Libels*, as tho' the Government was as guilty now, as in the Reigns of Charles and James the Second; and did as ill Things by *Form of Law* in the *Court of King's-Bench*, as were done heretofore in the *Star Chamber*; we will below a few Thoughts on these Subjects, and clearly manifest to the People the *Injustice* of these Charges upon the Government, and upon the Writers for the Administration.

The *Liberty of the Press* ought ever to be held sacred, as fundamental to all our other Liberties; and by the *Liberty of the Press*, I mean a *Liberty* of publishing all our own *Opinions* relating to *Religion and Government*, and of examining the *Opinions* of all other Men. All *Opinions in Religion*, which are *speculative*, and don't relate to *Action or Practice*, (as the *Opinions* of some *Enthusiasts* have done, which have put them upon robbing Men of their *Property*, and depriving them of their *Lives*,) ought to be published with *absolute Impunity*, because no *Man*, nor any *Government* are concerned in them: And had all *Opinions* which are *merely religious* been thus left free, and no *Power or Authority* interposed about them, we should long ere this have seen *true Religion* spring up and spread itself all over the *World*. But tho' all *Opinions merely religious* should be thus left *absolutely free*, and subject to no *Power* upon *Earth*; yet the *Cafe* is not the same in *Matters of Government*: for *Government* can be supported only by *Laws or Power*; whereas *true Religion* is destroy'd by *Power*: *Power*, which is the *Life of Government*, is the *Death of Religion*. Tho' all *Opinions*, therefore, relating to *Government* should be suffered to be published, (because that can't be hinder'd without lessening our *Liberty* in other Cases,) yet there are some *political Opinions* which, if a *Man* publishes, he must do it at his *Peril*, and ought to be punished for, because the *Safety and Preservation* of the *Government*, (upon which our own *Safety and Preservation* depend,) absolutely require it; the *Truth* of which we will immediately shew.

Mr. D'Anvers has indeed, in two or three late Papers, pretended to reason about the *Liberty of the Press*, and *Libels*; and, in order to it, gravely laid down two Propositions, in which he tells us, he designed to examine *Whether the common Methods of Proceeding against Libellers is agreeable to Law?* And *If 'tis, Whether we can be properly said to enjoy any Share of Liberty?* But as soon as he laid down these Propositions, he took his leave of them; and, instead of Reasoning on these Subjects, fill'd up his Papers with *Acts of Parliament*, and Reasons why the Commons in King William's Time would come into the *Licensing Act*. Never was such an *open Defiance* of common Sense, nor such a *Profanation* of the Alphabet as in these Papers on *Liberty*; (unless in a *late Sermon on Liberty*, preach'd by one *Mudge*, at *Exeter*;) and yet Mr. D'Anvers tells his Readers, *Thus have I confuted all my Adversaries have said*; when, in truth, he had said nothing against his Adversaries, nor offered one *Argument* to prove any *Proposition*. He has not warr'd at all about *Libels*; we will therefore do it for him.

[Price Two-Pence.]

We will inquire, *What a Libel is?* We will shew, that *Governments* have a *Right*, from the *Reason of Things*, to *punish* for *Libels*; and that the present *Method of Proceeding* against *Libellers* is *just and equitable*.

A *Libel* is any thing *published* which is *false*, or which can't be *proved true*, tending to the *Disadvantage* or *Disreputation* of another. If a *private Subject* is thus attacked in his *Interest or Reputation*, he has his *Remedies at Law*, and *very justly* too; and shall a *Government* which is erected on purpose to secure our *Persons and Properties*, and without which there could be no *Safety in the World*, be without its *Remedy*? When either the *Right* to the *Government* is denied, or the *Government* itself *abused and defamed* by *wrong Representations*, and *false Assertions*? There are *political Opinions*, which if *published*, are *treasonable by Law*, and, at the same time, *treasonable in Reason* too; as to deny the King's *Right* to the *Crown*, &c. And if any *Person* publishes, that the *Government of England* is *tyrannical*; that the King's *Ministers* *design* to introduce *Arbitrary Power*, and *destroy* the *Constitution*; or that the two *Houses of Parliament* are so *corrupted* that they will *subvert the Laws*, and *overturn our Liberties*; surely there ought to be a *Power* somewhere to call these *Publishers* to an *Account*, and put them on the *Proof* of what they have asserted, and *punish* them if they are not able to prove it. No *Government* can *subsist* without this. If the King has a *Right* to the *Government*, (which no *Man*, in his *Senses*, doubts) then he has a *Right to defend the Government* against all the *World*, and maintain the *Dignity* of it against all his *Enemies at Home and Abroad*. So that if his *Government*, or *Administration* be *defamed*, and such *Things* said of it as tends to render it *detestable* at *Home* and *contemptible Abroad*; (as for instance, that he has *made a Treaty* which is an *Infraction of all other Treaties*, and a *manifest Violation of Faith*,) 'tis highly reasonable, that there should be a *Power* lodged somewhere to call the *Publishers* to an *Account*, and put them upon their *Tryal*. This is perfectly agreeable to the *Law of Nature*, which always allows *Defence* when *Offences* are given. And the present *Method of doing this*, by *Information* in the *Court of King's-Bench*, is the most *reasonable* that can be imagined. If a *private Person* is *libell'd*, he must *indict*; that is, *inform against the Libeller*; it can't be expected, that another should be so *unfashionably Good* as to do it for him; and if the *Government or Administration* is *libelled*, the *Government* must *inform*, which has certainly as much *Right* to take *Care of itself*, as any *Subject* of the *Government*. It can't be expected that *private Persons*, who feel no *immediate Interest* in it, should *present or indict* for *Libels* against a *Government or a Ministry*: No; the *Government or Administration* must take care of itself, and bring *Informations* against their *Accusers*, and put them upon their *Tryal*.

But this way of *Information* in the *Court of King's Bench* is so far from being the *same*, or the *like Method of Prosecution* with the *Star Chamber*, (as the Craftsman has *falsly and maliciously insinuated*) that it bears no *Resemblance* at all to it; for, in the *Star Chamber* Men were try'd for *Crimes against the Government*, by the *Government it self*: The same *Persons* who made *Information* against the *Accused*, try'd the *Accused*: The *Calumniators of the Ministry* were try'd before the *Ministry*, and by the *Ministry*. Not so in the *Court of King's-Bench*, where the *Persons accused of Crimes against the Government* are try'd before *Judges*, who are *independent of the Ministry*; and by *Juries of their Peers or Equals*, who can have no *Interest* to find them *Guilty*, and who are also generally *disposed in Favour* of those who are tried for *Crimes against an Administration*. This therefore is the *fairest Method of Prosecution*, for *Offences against the Government*, that can be imagined: And if *Juries* were permitted in all *Cafes*, (as, I think, they ought) to be *Judges of the Crime* alledged

in the *Information*, as well as the *publishing* the *Pamphlet or Papers* which is said to contain the *Crime*, then this way of *Proceeding* against *State Criminals*, would be *perfect and complete*; and the *Subject* would have as much *Liberty* as is consistent with the *very Being of Government*.

It seems *highly reasonable*, that *Juries* should be *Judges*, whether *what is published*, be a *Libel* or not; and not merely whether the *Accused* published *what is said to be a Libel*; for that is being *Judges of Nothing*, because *mere publishing* is no more a *Crime* than *Running or Walking, Eating or Drinking*; but the *Nature of the Thing published* makes the *Crime*, of which the *Juries* are to judge; for if they are not *Judges of the Nature of the Thing published*, and whether it be a *Libel* or not, the *Accused* is not, properly speaking, try'd by them at all; nor do *Juries*, in such a *Cafe*, signify any thing: And 'tis the *Juries Fault*, if ever they give up this *Right*; for they should bring in no *Man guilty*; till they *perceive* him *guilty*; and if they will but assert this *Right*, 'tis impossible the *Subject* should ever be hurt by the present *Method of Proceeding* against *State Criminals* in the *Court of King's-Bench*.

Thus have we shewn, in a short and clear *Manner*, our *Sentiments of the Liberty of the Press*, and the *Doctrine of Libels*. We have shewn, what a *Libel* is; that all *Governments* have a *Right to punish* for *Libels*; and that the present *Method of Proceeding* against *Libellers*, is *just and equitable*; and stands chargeable with none of those *Evils* caus'd by the *Star Chamber*.

Nor is there the least *Parallel* between the *Proceedings on Matters of a publick Nature*, in the *Reigns of Charles and James the Second*, and the *Proceedings in this Reign*: "For we have no *"arbitrary nor illegal Practices*, under the *Form of Law*: No *Grand Juries* discharged for doing their *Duty*: No *Imposition of grievous and partial Fines upon Offenders against the State*: No *cruel and unjust Prosecutions in Criminal Matters*: No *outrageous Damages, excessive Bail, seizing of Charters, nor dispensing with penal Laws*; nor any of those *dreadful Evils* which the Craftsman hath lately laid before the People as *"Parallels*;" but with what *Conscience or Honour*, we leave to the *cold Determination* of his own *Judgment*.

F. OSBORNE.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Corte, Nov. 24.

PART of the Imperial Troops are marching thro' this Country (of the Grisons) on their way from Italy to Germany; but their Officers keep them to so strict a Discipline, that there is no room to complain.

Berlin, Nov. 26. On Monday Night there was a magnificent *Feast* again, in the *White Hall*, followed by a *Ball*. On Wednesday Count *Secendorff* entertained the Prince Royal, the *Margraves of Anspach and Bareith*, the two *Dukes of Bevem*, the *Prince of Anhalt Dessau* and his *Son*, the *Princes of Holstein and Hohenzollern*, &c. with a sumptuous *Dinner*. The King has given the Prince Royal the *Regiment* vacant by the *Death of Major-General Goltzen*, and declared him a *Major General*.

Hague, Dec. 9. The King of Prussia has notified the *Marriage* of the *Prince's Royal*, and this State has resolved to congratulate him upon it.

Berlin, Dec. 1. On the 28th of November, all the *Generals and Colonels of the Army*, that are here, went with the *Prince of Anhalt* at their *Head*, to the *King's Apartment*, and humbly besought his *Majesty* to permit the *Prince Royal* to resume his *Military Employments*, in Consideration that his *Royal Highness* had evidently manifested his *Grief* for having displeased his *Majesty*: Whereupon the King made a very moving *Speech*, and sending for the *Prince Royal* to come to him, his *Majesty* forgave him all that was past, and returned him his *Sword and Belt*, and embraced him with a great deal of *Tenderness*. The *Prince* embracing the King

At Father's Knees, assured him of his profound Submission and Obedience. All that were present, were prodigiously affected with this Passage. 'Tis believed his Royal Highness will soon have a Regiment.

Hague, December 4.

Extract of a Private Letter from Dresden.

The Marquis Francis Joseph Wicardel de Fleury and Benthof, Prime Minister of State since the Disgrace of the Count de Hoym, has had a Proof, in his Turn, of the Uncertainty with which Favour is constantly attended; his Excellency having received a Letter from the King, to let him know, that his Majesty having taken into Consideration his great Age and Infirmities, has been graciously pleased to dispense with all future Services, and to give him an Opportunity to spend the Remainder of his Life in Ease and Security. What his Majesty's Motives may be for bringing about this sudden and unexpected Disgrace, we are entirely ignorant; but be they what they will, this is the Third Minister that has been disgraced since the Count de Fleming. Three Peasants of State are brought in hither from the Empire, and sent to Sonnenstein; but we cannot learn who they are, or the Nature of the Crimes they are charged with.

Hague, Dec 7. This Day the States of the Province of Holland re-assembled here. It has been settled, that Commodore Schryver will return home; and that the three Ships which are usually fitted out at Amsterdam in the Beginning of the Year, to serve for Convoys to the Merchant Ships bound for the Courts of Spain and Portugal, shall be order'd to cruise till such of those Merchant Ships, as pass up the Streights, return off Sallee; by which Time two Frigates that are fitting out will arrive there, to take the same Station, and relieve them. These Precautions are used, because the King of Morocco refuses to ratify the Treaty concluded by Admiral Perez. The Prince of Orange designs to set out for Groningen about the Middle of this Month.

Rome, Nov 17. Last Saturday Morning, most of the Cardinals and the principal Court Prelates received by the Post from Genoa, a printed Treaty, entitled, *A Letter to a Friend*; wherein some things reported of Cardinal Cibo, are refuted as false and scandalous. According to our Advices from Piedmont, the Old King of Sardinia is still in Custody at Rivoli.

Genoa, Nov 17. The latter End of last Week arrived here the Duke of Kingston, with a numerous Retinue, from England. About the same time, the Saxon Colonel Lowenthal, who went as a Volunteer to Corsica, and soon came back again, set out on his Return to Dresden. At the same time also, arrived one of the three Barques, which carried the 200 Horses for the Hussars of Ajaccio, with Advice, that Col. Vela had gained some Advantages over the Rebels on that Side.

Paris, Dec 5. On the 21st ult. the Picture representing the first Promotion of Knights of the Order of the Holy Ghost, made by King Lewis XIII. which is just finished, was put up in the Choir of the Church of the Great Augustins in this City, by those of Lewis XIV. and Lewis XV. which were placed there some time since.

The Cabinet of Monsieur de la Faye, late Secretary to the King's Cabinet, will be exposed to Sale the Beginning of next Week. It consists of above 200 Paintings by the best Masters, 70 Stones curiously engraved, and several other Rarities.

The Duke of Orleans has given the Government of Honfleur, Port L'Eveque, and Pais d'Auge, vacant by the Death of the Marquis de Matharel, to the Chevalier de Matharel, his younger Brother.

On the 29th ult. the Parliament went to Marli, but had not an Audience of the King.

Paris, Dec. 8. The Duke de St. Aignan is still at Marseilles, nor will he depart from thence till the Arrival of Don Carlos, when the French and Spanish Galleys will go together.

The banished Advocates are recalled, and have obtained an *Arrêt* in their Favour.

The Dutches of Bourbon has the Small Pox.

The Duke de Rochechouart died of that Disease the 4th, in the 21st Year of his Age.

Mad. d'Assigny, Daughter to the President of that Name, is likewise dead of the Small Pox.

Shrevenham, Nov. 15. We have an extraordinary Case in this Parish of a Dropical Woman,

who has been tapp'd in the Belly nineteen Times in as many Months, and had took from her in the Whole about 135 Gallons of Water, Winchester Measure: The last Time the Operation was perform'd, there was taken from her 32 Quarts of the same Measure; and thus she is tapp'd constantly every Month, and by what can be perceived, she is likely to live a long Time in this Condition; for within two Days after the Operation she goes about her daily Business as usual, till within three or four Days of the Time again, when her Belly grows so vastly large, she is not able to stoop: She eats her Vituals very well, and looks very hearty and fresh.

Newcastle upon Tyne, Nov 26. This Town has collected for the poor Sufferers by Fire, at Blandford, Tiverton, and Ramsey, 158 l. 7 s. 6 d and the Corporation gave out of their Revenues, 100 l. which is divided thus, to Blandford 155 l. 6 d. Tiverton 77 l. 10 s. 3 d. Ramsey 25 l. 16 s. 9 d.

London.

Seals, Causes, Exceptions and Demurrers after Michaelmas Term.

Monday, Dec. 6.	First General Seal.
Tuesday	7. Causes.
Wednesday	8. Causes.
Thursday	9. Second General Seal.
Friday	10. Causes.
Saturday	11. Rehearings and Appeals.
Monday	13. Pleas and Demurrers.
Tuesday	14. Third General Seal.
Wednesday	15. Exceptions.
Thursday	16. Exceptions.
Friday	17.
Saturday	18. Fourth General Seal.
Monday	20. Petitions.

The Right Honourable the Lord's Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury were pleased, on Thursday, to appoint the following Gentlemen to be Managers for taking in the Tickets of the late Lottery, and delivering out Certificates in lieu thereof, viz

Mark Frecker, Esq; Tho. Baynton, Esq; Christ. Rhodes, Esq; Matth. Kenrick, Esq; Rob. Manning, Esq; Mallory Pearson, Esq; Edw. S. Hill, Esq; Rich. Hammond, Esq;

The same Day his Serene Highness the Duke of Lorraine was entertained at Dingley by the Right Hon. the Earl of Scarborough, Master of the Horse to his Majesty, at his House in Gerrard Street, Soho; at which were present several Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction.

The Fleet under the Command of the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Wager being hourly expected from the Streights, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have ordered ten Sail of them to be paid off immediately at Portsmouth, Plymouth, and Sheerness, in order to their being laid up.

Extract of a Letter from Leghorn Nov. 24.

On the 13th in the Evening, the Spanish Squadron, under the Marquis Mori, sailed from hence homeward, with the Wind at E. N. E. but the next Day it came to S. S. W. and continu'd so till the 17th in the Morning, when the greatest Part of them put back, but anchor'd in foul Ground; on the 18th (Sunday) at Noon, a Gun was fired from the Admiral's Ship, as a Signal of Distress; the Wind blew fresh, and she drove till 21 o'Clock, when by the Marquis's Order, all her Masts were cut away, after which she brought up; most of his other Ships drove, and were in great Distress, but in the Evening the Gale abated: Several of their Sailors were drowned, and their Ships have suffer'd much Damage. The Admiral wants about 20,000 Dollars, but no one is forward to lend it. The British Squadron has been met to the Westward of Port Mahone; they did not put in there, but what they wanted was sent them off.

Extract of a Letter from Barcelona, Nov 25. N. S.

On the 21st Instant Don Carlos arrived here from Seville, and on the 23d he set out for Italy, where he purposed to get as soon as possible. A Barkque arrived here last Week, which saw the British Squadron off Port Mahone.

Extract of a Letter from a Merchant at Hull to his Friend in London, dated November 17.

The Treatment a Petition to the Common Council of your City for Leave to erect an Equestrian Statue of King William III. on a Piece of Waste Ground in Cheapside, lately met with, has been Matter of great Surprise to all in these

Parts, particularly to the Inhabitants of this Town, who are so far from thinking a Statue of that Great and Glorious Man can be a Nuisance to any real Protestants, who now happily enjoy the many Blessings he procured for us, when we were on the Brink of Ruin, that they are determin'd to shew their Gratitude by erecting a Statue to preserve the Memory upon our Market Hill, at our own Expence; and to that End the Right Worshipful Samuel Watson, Esq; our Mayor, the Worshipful the Aldermen, and the principal Inhabitants, have begun a Subscription, which in two Days Time amounts to 500 l.

On Thursday his most Serene Highness the Duke of Lorraine took Leave of their Majesties and the Royal Family.

The same Day a Man was to hop a hundred Yards at fifty Hops, in the Mall in St. James's Park, for a great Sum of Money, which he perform'd in forty six.

It is written from Blandford, that Sunday was Seennight was opened there a new Tabernacle, for performing Divine Service, for the Use of the Inhabitants of their late flourishing Town.

Four Youths, Apprentices to Poulterers in St. James's Market, having disturb'd Dr. Anderson in his Meeting House in Swallow-street, St. James's, during the Time of Divine Service, they were all taken up by a Warrant from Micks Harper Esq; one of whom, for want of Sureties, was committed to New Prison, and the other 3 bound over to the Sessions; but having submitted and acknowledged their Offence, a few Days since they all came into the said Meeting House, and in a full Congregation begg'd Pardon of Dr. Anderson and his People; whereupon the Pardon intended against them was withdrawn.

On Sunday the Right Hon. the Earl of Albemarle took the Sacrament at the Church of St. Martin's in the Fields, to qualify himself for the Post of Colonel of the Regiment of Foot, lately under the Command of Col. Disney, deceased.

As did at the same Time Henry de Graingus, Esq; to qualify himself to be Lieutenant Colonel of Col. Nevil's Dragoons in Ireland.

On Tuesday Morning, at Ely-House Chappel John Cullum, Esq; only Son of Sir Jasper Cullum, Bart. in the County of Suffolk, was married to Mrs. Susan Gery, second Daughter to the late Sir Thomas Gery, one of the Masters in Chancery, a young Lady of fine Accomplishment, and very ample Fortune.

On Tuesday being St. Andrew's Day, the singular Saint of Scotland, the Knights of the Garter, Thistle and Bath, appeared at St. James's in the Collars of their respective Orders; and there was a very numerous Court on that Occasion.

On Wednesday the Proprietors of St. John's Chappel, near Bedford Row, met in order to nominate three Persons for his Grace the Duke of Montrague to chuse one of them for Morning Preache of the said Chappel. The three nominated were the Rev. Dr. Middleton, Lecturer of St. Brides, the Rev. Mr. Cottrell, and the Rev. Mr. Smith. We hear that it will be determined in Favour of the Rev. Mr. Cottrell.

On Tuesday last being St. Andrew's Day, came on the annual Election of the Officers for the Royal Society, at their House in Crane Court in Fleetstreet, when Sir Hans Sloane, Bart. was elected President; Roger Gale, Esq; Treasurer; Mr. John Machin, Professor of Astronomy at Gresham College, and Dr. Cromwell Mortimer were re-elected Secretaries. The rest of the Council; Martin Folkes, Esq; John Hadley, Esq; Dr. Edmund Halley, Charles Duke of Richmond, Thomas Earl of Macclesfield, Dr. Mead, and James Webb, Esq;

Members new elected into the Council. Charles Lord Cadogan, James Campbell, M.D. Mr. Peter Collison, Charles Dubois, Esq; Sir John Fortescue Aland, Knt. Sir Richard Manningham, Knt. James Lord Paulet, Robert Paul, Esq; William Sloane, Esq; G. Lewis Teiffier, M. D. Med. Reg. ad Fam.

The following Gentlemen were left out, James Bradley, M. A. Professor of Acl. at Oxford, Joseph Andrews, Esq; the Hon. George Carpenter, Esq; Mr. John Haines, Sir John Evelyn, Bart. William Jones, Esq; Mr. Isaac Rouse, Alexander Stuart, M. D. James Theobald, Esq; and Mr. George Graham. — After the Election was over, the Gentlemen had a very elegant Dinner at Pontack's.

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Timothy Hutchinson, Esq; is chosen Principal of Furnival's Inn; and on Wednesday he gave a very fine Entertainment to the Society of the said Inn; and at Night there was a Ball for the Ladies.

On Monday Night last an extraordinary Wager was laid at the Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell, between one Richard Lever and Mr. Marshal, Neighbour of the said Parish, whereby the former engaged to go on Foot from St. John's Street Pond to St. Albans, in the Space of four Hours, bare-footed, for thirty Guineas: Several other considerable Wagers were laid on the Occasion; and on Wednesday the said Richard Lever set out at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, and perform'd the Wager eleven Minutes within the Time prefix'd.

The Town of Hull having raised 1111. 3s. 8d. for the Relief of the poor Sufferers by the late Fires at Blandford, Tiverton, and Ramsey have remitted the same to a Gentleman in this City, to distribute in the Manner following:

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To Blandford	71 05 08
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Thomas Stephens, Esq; is made one of his Majesty's Band of Gentlemen Pensioners.

On Wednesday the 24th of last Month, sailed from Plymouth, Capt. Dancombe Drake, in his Majesty's Ship the Gosport for Jamaica, he being sent Express to Admiral Stewart there.

On Thursday came on at the Court of King's Bench at Westminster Hall, before the Lord Raymond, the Cause depending in that Court between Mr. Lilly a Painter, Plaintiff, and Capt. Holland, Defendant, upon an Action laid for 1500 l. Damage, sustained by the Defendant's having had criminal Conversation with the Plaintiff's Wife; and the Fact being proved, the Jury gave a Verdict for the Plaintiff, and allow'd him 100 l. Damages.

The noted Charles Milsum of Hyde Park Corner, who was last Hillary Term found Guilty at the Court of King's Bench at Westminster Hall, of making and uttering great Quantities of counterfeit Halfpence made of base Metal, was, on Monday last, brought to the said Court, and received the following Sentence for the same, viz. To stand once in the Pillory at Charing Cross, two Year's Imprisonment, fined 40 s. and to lie in Goal till the same be paid, and to find Security for his good Behaviour for three Years for the first Offence; and for uttering the same (which was a separate Indictment) he was fined one Mark.

Wednesday the Right Hon. the Earl of Albemarle had his Commission delivered to him, appointing his Lordship Colonel of the Regiment late Colonel Disney's.

Last Tuesday Morning early, a Cart belonging to the Widow Best was Robt by two Footpads, between Knightsbridge and Chelsea, as they were coming to Covent Garden Market, who stabb'd Mrs. Best of about 6 s. and afterwards beat her very unmercifully.

On Monday last the Right Hon. John Earl of Leicester, was, by his Majesty's Command, sworn of his Majesty's most Hon. Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly: And his Lordship at the same Time took the Oaths as Constable of his Majesty's Tower of London, and Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

On Tuesday was held a General Court of the Charitable Corporation, at their House in Spring Gardens, when a Letter from Mr. George Robinson, dated at Paris, was read, in which he proposed to appear before the Committee, in case the Statute awarded against him was superseded; as was his Attorney's Note of Hand, promising to enter into a Security of 10,000 l. for his Appearance, in case of the Court's complying as desired. Mr. Waller spoke in Behalf of it, but was answered by Mr. Clarke, That it was the Sense of the preceding Court, that it should not be superseded: Mr. Milner gave it as his Opinion, That as several private Persons had proved their Debts, it could not be done; and the Court concurring, the Matter was dropped. Mr. Robinson appeared before the Court in Person, and declared that he would discharge whatever he was indebted to the Company, but hoped they would take their own Notes and Bonds; on which a Committee was appointed to state his Accounts with the Corporation, and were to meet him Yesterday at their House on Lawrence Poutney's Hill, and to report their Proceedings to the next General Court.

We hear that the Lord Glenorchy will be sent Envoy Extraordinary to the Empress of Russia.

On Wednesday last Week the Suit that has been depending upwards of two Years between Thomas Mow, of White Hart Court in Gracechurch Street, Silversmith, and Dr. Benjamin Godfrey, of Bishopsgate Street, London, was (on a Writ of Error in the Exchequer Chamber) determined in Favour of the said Doctor.

Last Week the Salamander Cruizer brought into Shields a French Smugler, which she took on the Coast, having on board 150 Half Anchors of Brandy.

Friday last Week Col. Delaune's Lady was buried in a very handsome Manner at Sittingbourne in Kent.

Two Charity Sermons will be preached Tomorrow at St. George's Bloomsbury, for the Benefit of the Charity Schools; that in the Morning by the Reverend Mr. Parne, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; that in the Afternoon by the Reverend Mr. Coppin, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

BANK R U P T since my last.

John Rastell, late of Villiers-street, Goodman's Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Merchant.

Deaths. Saturday died, much lamented by all that knew him, James Hadcombe, of Filton Grange, (near Hitchen) in the County of Hertford, Esq;—Monday died at Walton upon Thames, in the County of Surrey, James Burlace, Esq;—Tuesday dy'd Brook Taylor, L. L. D. and F. R. S. at his Lodgings in Somersett-House.—Thursday died at his House in Bull-and-Mouth-street near Aldersgate, Thomas Gouge, Esq; who was Justice of the Peace for St. Martin's le Grand, and one of the Governors of the Work House in Bishopsgate Street.—Last Week died at his Seat at Ickles in Hampshire, after a short Illness, Jeremiah Gray, Esq; a Gentleman possessed of an Estate of upwards of 3000 l. a Year, and one of the Fellows of the Royal Society.

Christened Males 161. Females 151. In all 312. Buried Males 194. Females 218. In all 412. Decreased in the Burials this Week 63.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key.	per Quarter.
Wheat	18 10 24
Rye	13 10 13 6
Barley	14 to 18
Oates	10 to 14 6
Horse Beans	18 to 24
Coals	24 s. to 25 s. 6 d. per Chaldron.
Hops	17 30 — 70 s. to 1 l. per Hundred.
Hops	17 31 — 5 l. to 7 l. 10 s. per Hundred.
Rape Seed	11 l. to 12 l. per Latt.
Hog Pease	18 to 22
Pease	26 to 28
Pale Malt	18 to 25
Brown Malt	18 to 20
Tares	18 to 25

Thursday South Sea Stock was 103 1 half. South Sea Annuity 109. Bank 148. New Bank Circulation 5 l. Prem. India 179 1 qr. Thrice per Cent Annuity 96 1 qr. Royal Exchange Assurance 99 1 qr. London Assurance 12 3 Stl. York Buildings 10 3 qr. African 48. English Copper 2 1 12 s. Welch Copper 1 l. 13 s. South Sea Bonds 6 l. 8 s. Prem. India ditto 6 l. 10 s. Blanks 7 l. 2 s. 20 l. Prizes 18 l. 19 s.

WHereas Charles Jones, a noted Gamester and Stage-Player in Bath, did, on Sunday the last Day of October, about the Hour of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, murder my Son Basil Arden Price, in Bath, and is thereupon fled from Justice: These are therefore to inform all Persons whatsoever who shall be aiding and abetting in the Discovery and Apprehension of the said Charles Jones, to ashe may be committed to safe Custody, such Person or Persons shall receive from me at my House, or by my Order, at Willesford near Hereford, or from Mr. Thomas Hayton, in Lees Street, near Red-Lyon-Square, London, the Sum of FIFTY POUNDS.

JOHN PRISE.

Dated this 8th of Nov. 1731.

N. B. There is very great Reason to believe that the aforesaid Charles Jones was hired to destroy my Son, because, immediately after the Coroner's Inquest had brought in their Verdict, WILFUL MURDER, there was a Gathering to the Sum of about Twelve Guineas for him the said Charles Jones, the better to enable him to make his Escape, which, 'tis said, was done in a CLERGYMAN'S HABIT.

The Publick General CORRESPONDENCE; of Affairs for Improving Money Trade and Estates &c.

MORTGAGES are wanted for several Sums of Money. And some different Sums are wanted on such Securities.

There are several Persons want to buy ANNUITIES, to be paid during the Life of the buyer, and some are wanted for the Life of the Seller, or to determine on the Death of the Buyer or of the Seller: several of which Annuities are £.

A Gentleman wants to buy or Hire A FARM of between 50 and 100 l. a Year, or the easements, which has a good Farm House well situated, within 12 miles of London.

A Person intends to lay out several Sums of Money in buying Estates DURING LIFE of the Sellers, or in REVERSION.

There are some saleable PLACES or OFFICES to be held during Life, which are now to be sold.

ESTATES which some Persons want to BUY.

An Estate in Land from about 100 to 200 l. a Year, with a good Farm House, within 30 Miles of London. — Some Land near London of about 500 or 600 l. Value. — A small House in the Country fit for a Gentleman to dwell in, with some Land, between 10 or 20 Miles off London. — A House of two Rooms on a Floor not far fr. m Chancery-Lane. — And several Persons want to Buy, and some to Hire other Estates.

ESTATES which some Persons want to SELL.

A very good Estate in 3 Farms near Dorchester, of about 8000 l. Value. — Some Houses on a short Lease in Market Place in London. — Some Houses on a long Lease near Piccadilly. — And several Estates want to Sell, and some to Let other Estates.

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